A. P. I. C. SPECIAL NEWSLETTER

August 1, 1961

I do hope that each of you had or have planned a swell vacation. Ours was very fine and as usual we mixed, Political Americana with travel and sightseeing. We viewed several wonderful collections and visited with some of the nicest people in the world --- collectors of Political Americana.

One of the A. P. I. C. goals for 1961 will be a reality soon. The Travelers Insurance Company has agreed to offer a new policy to collectors of Political Americana. The "All-Risk" coverage will be explained in a brochure and each of you will soon receive a copy. Many of us had found it very difficult to place such insurance and when available the rates were almost prohibitive. Our thanks to Mr. DeWitt and Travelers for making this policy available; and I do hope that many will take advantage of the opportunity to insure your collections. One of our members this Spring found he couldn't really afford to be uninsured but was.

Have been hearing quite a bit about reproductions, reissues and copies of political items. I understand that one of the button companys. mentioned in a previous newsletter, as offering buttons to collectors, is reissuing and selling copies of older buttons. There are also several companies making copies of political tokens and medals. Many collectors are quite concerned and I believe rightfully so, since the copies are not marked so that they are easily distinguishable from the originals.

In all cases the items are being offered fairly to the original purchaser, but they have been turning up in shops, and either in good faith or otherwise are being offered as contemporary and at prices far above the reissue price. Most collectors familiar with Political Americana will probably not get taken in, but, many new collectors are getting hurt.

Those in this new field rather than actually performing a service, as I'm sure it was meant to be, it seems are performing quite a disservice to the hobby and to collectors. It is too bad there isn't a law which forces copies and reproductions (of all kinds) to be identified as such.

So be extremely cautious of medals and tokens of the Lincoln and civil war period also celluloid buttons which just look too new to be 35 to 65 years old. I do believe, as an organization we have an obligation to make such things known. If you know of other items, etc. give us the facts and we'll pass the information along.

Are there any new collectors who haven't heard of the "Gold Bug", a quarterly publication about Political Americana? It will help you get a lot of facts and figures. Send your dollar to C. W. Fishbaugh, P. O. Box 396 Shenandoah, Iowa; its a dollar well spent.

Chick Harris

U. I. 'Chick' Harris, President

AUGUST 1, 1961 APIC AUCTION ** RULES & LOTS OFFERED.

Rules applying to bidder: 1. Each bid must be submitted by an APIC member and must be a bona-fide offer. 2. Each bid must be submitted on the official bid forms or the following style used. "I agree to pay $_____ for item # _____ listed on the APIC Auction sheet, if I am the successful bidder. I understnad that the item will be sent to me postpaid and insured by the offeree, upon receipt of full payment" SIGNED (with name, address & APIC #)_____ Each bid must be sent in a plain envelope and marked in the upper right hand corner "APIC Lot # ____". 3. Each bid must be submitted in a separate envelope. 4. Successful bidder agrees to send full payment to the offeree, promptly upon notification from the APIC Auction Committee that he is the suddessful bidder. 5. Successful bidder (purchaser) agrees that if the item isn't as represented, that he will notify the offeree and ask if it is O.K. to return. If offeree refuses, both parties are to submit statements to the APIC Auction Committee for a decision. The Committe's decision will be final and binding on both parties. 6. CLOSING DATE FOR BIDS IS AUGUST 31, 1961, all must be received by APIC Auction Committee

c/o Chick Harris
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APIC lot # 1 . 1 1/4" "I'm for Goldwater President 1964." picture of Goldwater is square, black & white. Original condition. MINIMUM $0.75.

Lot #2 - W. H. Harrison Memorial Silk ribbon. 5½ x 2 7/8" Black on white. Harrison civilian bust facing left, with olive wreath at center and "Born Feb 9, 1773" to left, "Died April 4, 1841" toright: "Mechanic Beneficial Society" within curved lines above "of Tallahasse" "honor to the Dead, May 14, 1841" at top: "William H. Harrison, late president of the united States" at bottom. MINIMUM $9.00.

Lot #3 - 6" celluloid pin STEVENSON FOR PRESIDENT, orange andwhite with shades of black & grey. Center has a smiling picture with hat and overcoat. Facing front as he looks over right shoulder. Besides letters in orange there are two orange stars and a ½" wide orange rim around. Colorful, abundance of orange. Very good condition. MINIMUM $1.25.

Lot #4 - 1 1/8" Parker-Davis (Jugate, a double photo item) gold trim, eagle & flag. MINIMUM $2.00.

Lot #5 - Medal, brass, 25mm, GARFIELD & ARTHUR - 1880. Obverse: jugate busts to left. Reverse: Inscribed "J.A. Garfield -C.A.ARthur" around edge. Star to right & left. Center shows U. S. Shield with diagonal band, inscribed UNION, in a depressed center. Holed for suspension. DeWitt # JG 1880-10. Almost in original condition. MINIMUM $5.00.

Lot #6 - Two red cloth ribbons, printed in gold. First is from 1884. "NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE -CLEVELAND AND HENDRICKS CLUB 1884 13/4" x 5" slight soil. Second item is similar but from 1888. "NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE - CLEVELAND AND THURMAN CLUB 1888" slight soil, 2½x5½" MINIMUM for the two items $2.00.

Lot #7 - Medalet LOYAL NATIONAL LEAGUE (DeWitt # C 1861-3) bronze, bright, uncirculated, not holed, 36mm. Obverse: Inscription: THE LOYAL NATIONAL LEAGUE/PLEDGED TO/UNCONDITIONAL/ LOYALTY TO THE/GOVERNMENT/ANDTO/NATIONAL UNITY, BELOW, a displayed eagle with shiel on breast and serpent in beak. Reverse: inscribed around, A COMMON UNION UNDER AUTHORIY OF THE LOYAL NATIONAL LEAGUE, enclosing crossed U.S. flags and inscribed TO/MAINTAIN THE/ POWER GLORY/ AND INTEGRITY / OF THE NATION. MINIMUM $6.00.

Lot #8 - medal 1840 Harrison Campaign. Bust of Harrison to left. "Maj. Genl. W. H. Harrison Born Feb 9 1773" Reverse: A Log Cabin "THE PEOPLES CHOICE IN THE YEAR 1840" (Satterlee #101 DeWitt #WHH 1840-50) brass 24mm slight tarnish on reverse, otherwise bright, typical strike from worn die. MINIMUM $2.00.

Lot #9 - 1 1/4" celluloid pin back ALTON PARKER black & white photo. The outer edge is bright red/wh/blue. Golden eagle at botton with outstreatched wings. Gold border. MIMIMUM $2.50.

Lot #10 - Inauguration medal-1881 (Garfield) Obv: Bust facing left, legend JAMES A GARFIELD. Rev: Pictures White House at top, Canal at bottom. Legend, CANAL BOY 1845: PRES US: INAUG Mar 4, 1881" Bronze, bright but worn. Fair bust and scene but worn legend. MINIMUM $1.80. brass, 25 mm (DEWitt JG 1880-8)

Lot #11 - Four (4) different celluloid badges of Wm H. Taft, all portrait, three are 1 1/4", other is 7/8". Good color and condition. MINIMUM for 4 items $5.00.

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Lot #12 - 6" Inaugural Pinback of JFK. Accolored photo of Kennedy with a red, white and blue border. Inscribed at top INAUGURATION DAY JANUARY 20th 1961, at bottom, MAN OF THE 60's. Kennedy's signature on his picture. New Condition. MINIMUM $1.50.

Lot #13 - General Grant tin type (ferrotype) About size of dime, metal back, bound in brass rim. Bust photo to front in uniform. "General Grant" overhead. Bright picture. MINIM $12.00.

Lot #14 - Convict Debs celluloid pin back. (1920) 1" bust photo of Eugene V. Debs in front of prison bars. "FOR PRESIDENT - CONVICT #9653" on red rim around picture. Good color and original condition. MINIMUM $15.00

Lot #15 - Missouri Delegate's badge to the Demo. Natl. Convention, Chicago, July 7, 1896. beautiful badge, 2 5/8 x 8½", state seal in celluloid center piece; gold lettering, metallic fringe, blue background ribbon, brilliantly colored crossed Am. flags, very good condition. MINIMUM $12.00

Lot #16 - A 9" diameter celluloid Eisenhower, in red, white & blue shield. Photo of IKE in center of shield, white background, "U. S. for IKE". New, never used or worn, may be hung on wall or stood on shelf. 1952 Item. MINIMUM $2.50.

Lot #17 - A 9" diameter celluloid Stevenson, in red, white & blue circle. Large photo of Stevenson in center, small r/w/b shield and eagle above. Photo surrounded by circular white stars on a blue field. Leaves & berries to outer rim. Below "STEVENSON, VOTE DEMOCRATIC. White background. Same make as #16 above. MINIMUM $2.50.

Lot #18 - 1 1/4" celluoid VOTE PROHIBITION, DECKER FOR PRESIDENT, 1960. ANTI-SOCALIST. All black lettering on white. (only 1960 Proh. Party button) new cond. MINIMUM $0.75.

Lot #19 - 6" celluloid JFK-LBJ Inauguration. Individual pictures of each in 3x2" ovals with names under each photo. Background, top half white-bottom half very light blue, "44th Inauguration" is in red at top, "1961 - The New Frontier" is in darker blue in bottom half. Pictures, and names are in grey & white. White house and 4 gold stars in upper half. New Condition. MINIMUM $1.00

LOt #20 - Hancock & English medal (Political token) brass 25mm, 1880 Demo. Obv: Jugate busts to right of H & E. Reverse:Inscribed around "W. S. HANCOCK W. H. ENGLISH, star to right & left. A rooster (to left) in a depressed center, holed for suspension. Almost in original condition. DeWitt #WSH 1880-4. MINIMUM $5.00.

Lot #21 - 2½" button pictures FDR & Gov. Lehman. Reads"FURRIERS FOR ROOSEVELT-LEHMAN". Has a blue field and white wording in addition to pictures. Good Cond. MINIMUM $0.65.

Lot #22 - Henry Clay Campaign ribbon (1844) A litho on silk. Inscribed above"CLAY AND TARIFF - THE DEMOCRATIC WHIG YOUNG MENS NATIONAL CONVENTION, MAY 2nd 1844" Bust in frame, below "STAR OF THE WEST ETC., (continues a quote from John Greenleaf Whittier) Almost in original condition. MINIMUM $10.00

Lot #23 - John G. Woolley pin back (1900 Prohibition Party) 1" photopin with name below picture. Photo is black with r/w/b/ flag draped around edge. Colors are bright and fine, metal back intact except for pin. MINIMUM $2.00

Lot #24 - Henry Wallace 1948 Presidential button. 1 1/4" celluloid. Dark bust photo of W. in round circle in center. "FOR PRESIDENT HENRY WALLACE" black on white. Button is clear but has stain around edges and a bit off center. NO MINIMUM SET.

Lot #25 - Debs-Seidel (1912 Socialist) Oblong 1 1/8" celluloid jugate pin back. (both pictured) Choice condition. MINIMUM $8.00.

Lot #26 - 6" celluloid JFK-LBJ Inauguration. Same as item #19 above. MINIMUM $1.50.

Lot #27 - Socialist Party Pin. 3/4" celluloid pin with clasped hands and globe in center. "SOCIALIST PARTY WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE" on white rim around picture, bordered by a red rim. Original cond, good color. MINIMUM $5.00.

Lot #28 - Demo. Natl. Convention, Kansas City, 1900 Entertainment Committee. White metal clasp frame and center medal; celluloid picture of convention building; r/w/b ribbon against large white background ribbon; 2x4 1/4". Very Good Cond. MINIMUM $8.50.

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Lot # 29 - Six flasher buttons IKE (1956) . One flasher button STEVENSON (1956) the lot of seven buttons, all 2⅛" change from photo of Ike to "WIN WITH IKE" and from phot of Steve to "ALL THE WAY WITH ADLAI" Mfgr. Pictorial Prod., Inc MINIMUM for seven $4.50

Lot #30 - A Gold Bug, a novelty pin back item (1896- McK & H.) A little over an inch long, wings fold under body, and fly open to reveal photos of McK. & Hobart when a small catch is pressed at the bottom. Gilt over Brass, nice condition. MINIMUM $9.50.

Lot #31 - Henry Clay (Political token) 28mm Copper Obverse: Bust of H. C. to right. IBC beneath, inscribed around "HENRY CLAY AND THE AMERICAN SYSTEM". Rev: wreath on either side, of "UNITED WE STAND". Good clean condition. Satterlee#146. DeWitt #HCl840-1 not holed for suspension. MINIMUM $7.00.

Lot #32 - Franklin Pierce (Political token) 28mm brass . Obverse: Civilian bust to quarter left, inscribed around "GEN. FRANKLIN PIERCE/ THE STATESMAN AND SOLDIER". Rev: inscribed around "PIERCE & KING THE PEOPLES CHOICE", large eagle in center. Good. Satterlee#217 DeWitt #FP 1852-4. MINIMUM $3.00

Lot #33 - Lemke & O'Brien jugate 3/4" pin back. litho by Greenduck & Co. blue & white. Photos Good condition. Inscribed "UNION PARTY/ LEMKE & OBRIEN" 1936 item. MINIMUM $3.00.

Lot #34 - Nite-glow bumper sticker. FAUBUS FOR PRESIDENT 7½x3 1/4" white & blue on r/w/b. States Right candidate 1960 MINIMUM $0.75.

Lot #35 - Celluloid button 3 3/8". Photo of Kennedy and "I TOLD YOU SO". White background red letters. Small blue photo of Kennedy above, "Our 35th President" in small letters beneath photo. Picture of US Capital offsets phototto left. Nice. MINIMUM $0.75

Lot##36 - Cleveland & Hendricks medal (Political token) 26mm brass D-1884 Obverse: Busts of Cleveland & Hendricks, jugate to rught. Rev: Inscribed, CLEVELAND & HENDRICKS ON A BROAD PLATFORM OF GOOD PLANKS WILL LEAD ALL TO VICTORY" Enclosing fasces, with hatchet, and 1884. Holed for suspension. Almost in orig. Condition. DeWitt#GS1884-16 MIMIMUM $5.00.

Lot #37 - Blaine & Logan Campaign medal (Political token) R-1884. Obv:Bust of Blaine, half left, inscribed "JAMES G. BLAINE". Rev: Bust of Logan, to left, inscribed "JOHN A. LOGAN" This is a small brass item. 14mm - Mint condition. DeWitt # JGB1884-24. MINIMUM $3 00.

Lot #38 - AN Anti-Tilden, White metal political token. Proof condition Obv. "O MY OFFENCE IS RANK AND SMELLS TO HEAVEN" Tilden pictured inmenter, name in circle around photo. Below, "CIPHERED OUT/L'& *&" Reverse: "THE GREAT FRAUD and SHAM Y THE SHAMLESS at edge. Inner circle says" THE PEOPLE WILL NEVER CONDONE IT" CHEATS UNCLE SAM ON HIS INCOME TAX". DeWitt # SJT 1987-7. MINIMUM $5.00.

Lot #39 - Franklin D. Roosevelt 2½" colored photo pin back. Top Condition. MINIMUM $0.50.

Lot #40 - Delegate badge to 1956 Demo. Nat. Conv. Chicago. Attractive gold colored metal clasp and medal suspended by red white & blue ribbon against background of same. 2x5+" Top Condition. MINIMUM $6.50.

Lot #41 - Seymour & Blair (D-1868) Ferrotype, silvered frame, slightly tarnished, otherwise original condition. OBV: Ferro of Seymour, 3/4" center, on rim"OUR CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT" Rev: Ferro of Blair, 3/4" center, on rim "FOR VICE PRESIDENT" DeW#HS1868-22. MINIMUM $9.00.

Lot #42 - An Anti-Tilden, White metal political token. Almost proof cond. 31mm. Quite similar to #38 above, but inscribed on obverse: "DEMOCRATIC PARTY DIED OF TILDENOPATHY/1876 IN THE 60thYEAR OF ITS AGE/SHAMMY TILDEN; below LET IT/R.I.P. (Picture of Tilden in center) Rev: "MANHATTAN CLUB RECEPTION N.Y. JUNE 12. 1877, enclosing "I DONT CARE ABOUT YOUR/ PIECE OF CAKE/BUT I/MUST SHOW YOU/MY SORE TOE". MINIMUM $3.00.

Lot #43 - Harrison & Reid (Rep 1892) 1 3/4" alunimum token. Obv: "REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES 1892". Bust of Harrison in oval to left, bust of Reid in oval to right. Also pictures presidential mansion and view. Rev: Pictures the landing of Columbus 10-12-92. Mint condition, not holed. MINIMUM $2.00

Lot #44 - Taft (1908) leather watch fob with photo of Taft in color. 3/4" celluloid photo mounted on lead shield. Perfect condition MINIMUM $3.00.

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Lot #45 - Log Cabin (W. H. Harrison 1840) Clothing button, gilt brass 21mm, convex face. Pictures a log cabin with roof of six panels, chimney to right with smoke left, at front a window to right, cider barrel on chocks, grassy foreground, to right a tobacco plant or sappling, to left a bush, all enclosed in raised plain border. By EE Pritchard Waterbury Con. Condition-tin back somewhat rusted, otherwise OK. MINIMUM $3.50. /DeWitt #WHH 1840-59

Lot #46 - Lot of 30 NIXON & KENNEDY, also 3 Senatorial, Barkley, Waterfield & Combs. In the 30 are included some buttons of large size and one Pat for First Lady. MINIMUM $1.75.

Lot #47 - Gold Bug - Mechanical - 1½x1 1/4" Photo of Mc Kinley on one wing, Hobart on the other wing. Mechanically perfect. MINIMUM $10.00.

Lot #48 - Silver Bug - Mechanical - mate to #47 just above. Photo of Bryan on one wing, 16 to 1 on other wing. Mechanically perfect. MINIMUM $12.50.

Lot #49 - 1936 Anti-Democratic Coin. Obv:IN THIS GOD WE TRUSTED. Pictures a donkey. "1936" DEMOCRAT DOLLAR. Rev: NOW WE ARE NEARLY BUSTED. Pictures a citizen bearing bundle on his back labeled PUBLIC DEBT/1940/DEMOCRATIC DOLLAR. 1" Diameter. MINIMUM $3.00.

Lot #50 - 1960 Greenback Party Platform. 4 pages 3 3/8x6". Contains poem used in campaign. Original condition. MINIMUM $0.50.

Lot #51 - Warren G. Harding Round Metal Frame with bust of Harding. Inside saying "Harding 1921-23" Pictures of ball bats, footballs & basketballs. This item plus 2 gubernatorial buttons, Bust of Wetherby with WETHERBY over and GOVERNOR under the photo, same except for color. MINIMUM $ 2.50.

Lot #52 - LINCOLN 1860 Campaign medallet. Beardless bust to right. HON. ABRAHAM LINCOLN/1860. Rev:A rail splitting scene and THE RAIL SPLITTER OF THE WEST." brass 28mm Satterlee#285, DEWitt AL 1860-41. Extremely fine condition. MINIMUM $15.00.

Lot #53 - Clothing button of Cleveland & Hendricks. Obv: Inscribed around CLEVELAND & HENDRICKS, enclosing "AND", with star above and below. Rev: a shank only. Brass on tin, 19mm Has no defects. DeWitt GC1884-40. MINIMUM $1.75.

Lot #54 - Large bunting. Red/White/ Blue, from Inauguration of Gov. Bert Combs and Lt. Gov. Wilson Wyatt. About 7 or 8' tall saying WELCOME BERT & WILSON. Is blue at top with vertical red & white lines. Almost orig. condition. MINIMUM $2.25.

Lot #55 - 1896 Bryan token. Obv:FREE SILVER/ONE DIME/1896, with braided ridge. Rev: BRYAN MONEY. Type of white metal, 1 11/16" in diameter. MINIMUM $8.00.

Lot #56 - Three fe t of blue ribbon, one inch wide. Silver print PAT FOR FIRST LADY, every one and one half inches. (1960) MINIMUM $1.00.

Lot #57 - Clothing button. In center a crowing rooster, facing right. DEMOCRATIC above & CLUB below. Gilt on tin, about 7/8" No defects. MINIMUM bid $1.75.

Lot #58 - 1896 Bryan token. Obv: UNITED SNAKES OF AMERICA/IN BRYAN WE TRUST. pictures a duck with a donkey head. Rev: FREE SILVER/ONE DAM/1896. A type of white metal, 1 3/4" diameter. MINIMUM $15.00.

Lot #59 - Hoover & Curtis 1932 poster. Black &white photos of each on one poster 22x16" Across top KEEP THEM ON THE JOB, below H photo HERBERT HOOVER, REP. CAND FOR PRES, below C. photo CHARLES CURTIS, REP. CAND. FOR VP. Nice condition. MINIMUM $2.50.

The Committee wishes to thank all who offered items. We hope that each of you will find some items from this varied list that is to your liking and that your bidding will be enthuastic.

Follow the rules as stated on page 1, and send to APIC AUCTION COMMITTEE, c/o Chick Harris, 6223 Mardel Ave., St. Louis, (9) Missouri, so that all bids are received by 8/31/61, the closing date.